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The 1960 census shows that there were 194 nonwhites in Cary, approximately 5.8% of the total Cary population. This is a significantly smaller nonwhite proportion of the population than is to be found in the urban fringe of the larger North Carolina cities (14.8%) or in North Carolina small towns (30.5%). Although nonwhite out-migration would be expected in Cary, little information can be found either to support or refute the notion of such a decrease in the absolute number of the nonwhite population. The nonwhite population has increased slightly to 194 individuals in 1960, an increase of 21.3% (See Table 3). One may suggest, however, that this observed increase of 34 individuals over the 1950 nonwhite total population seems to be less of an increase than might have been expected on the basis of past nonwhite population increases and the Wake County nonwhite birth rate. This constitutes rather slim evidence supporting the notion that there has been some nonwhite out-migration at least from the County. Another possibility suggests itself, however, perhaps nonwhites are not moving into the Cary area but those already residing in Cary are reproducing at a rate which is much less than the nonwhite Wake County birth rate. This would account for a deficiency of nonwhites.

In Cary there are proportionally more nonwhite heads of households than there are white heads of households (See Table 4). Thus, while Cary has relatively few non-whites, a relatively high proportion of them constitute family units.